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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits and in a format in accordance with the new rules, using clean copies of the claims, we respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and remarks:

In the Abstract

Please insert the following abstract:

--A doll's garment is moulded from an elastomeric material or rubber, to give greater realism. A set comprising a miniature doll with articulated limbs and at least one garment therefor is also provided. Suitable elastomeric materials are polyvinyl chloride, ethylene vinyl acetate co-polymers, styrene containing co-polymers and low density polyethylene. The garment may be injected moulded and may have detail such as belt, button or collar integrally moulded therewith.--

In the Specification

Before the first line of the Specification, please insert the following:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/065,119, filed April 23, 1998.--

In the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice and without disclaimer as to the subject matter therein.

Kindly add the following new claims 18-37:

--18. A doll's garment formed from an injection molded thermoplastic elastomer.

19. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein said thermoplastic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, and injection moldable, thermoplastic copolymers containing styrene, butadiene, isoprene, or butylene.

20. The doll's garment of claim 2 said thermoplastic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isoprene-styrene, styrene-diene, styrene-isoprene-butylene block copolymers, styrene-isoprene-butylene block copolymers containing mineral oil, branched styrene copolymer, styrene butadiene, styrene-butadiene triblock, styrene-isoprene-styrene linear block polymer, styrene-butadiene radial block copolymer, and butadiene-styrene copolymer.

21. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein said garment has a wall thickness from 1 to 3 mm.

22. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein said thermoplastic elastomer has an average modulus of elasticity of less than 1MN/m^2 .

23. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein said garment includes an integrally molded detail selected from the group consisting of a belt, a button, a ribbon, a bow, a cuff, a pocket, a lapel, and a collar.

24. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein said garment simulates at least one of rock, flames, bones, second skins, animals, and creatures.

25. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein said garment simulates clothing selected from the group consisting of a dress, trousers, a jacket, a skirt, a vest, a shirt, a hat, a coat, a suit, shorts, a cloak, a cape, a uniform, shoes, a helmet, armor, and a scarf.

26. The doll's garment of claim 1 further including a finish selected from the group consisting of paint, varnish, and glitter.

27. The garment of claim 9 wherein the injected molded thermoplastic elastomer is colorless.

28. The garment of claim 1 wherein said garment is less than 8 cm in height.

29. The garment of claim 3 wherein said garment includes an integrally molded detail selected from the group consisting of a belt, a button, a ribbon, a bow, a cuff, a pocket, a lapel, and a collar, and said garment simulates clothing

selected from the group consisting of a dress, trousers, a jacket, a skirt, a vest, a shirt, a hat, a coat, a suit, shorts, a cloak, a cape, a uniform, shoes, a helmet, armor, and a scarf.

30. The doll's garment of claim 12 wherein said thermoplastic elastomer has an average modulus of elasticity of less than 1MN/m^2 .

31. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein the stress which results in a 100% strain of the material is between 240 and 280KN/m^2 .

32. The doll's garment of claim 1 wherein the stress which results in a 300% strain of the material is between 440 and 490KN/m^2 .

33. A play set comprising a doll and a doll's garment formed from an injection molded thermoplastic elastomer.

34. The play set of claim 16 wherein said doll is articulated at a joint selected from the group consisting of the shoulders, elbows, knees, neck, and hips.


35. The play set of claim 17 wherein said thermoplastic elastomer is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, styrene-butadiene-styrene, styrene-isoprene-styrene, styrene-diene, styrene-isoprene-butylene block copolymers, styrene-isoprene-butylene block copolymers containing mineral oil, branched styrene copolymer, styrene butadiene, styrene-butadiene triblock, styrene-isoprene-styrene linear block polymer, styrene-butadiene radial block copolymer, and butadiene-styrene copolymer.

36. The play set of claim 18 wherein said garment includes an integrally molded detail selected from the group consisting of a belt, a button, a ribbon, a bow, a cuff, a pocket, a lapel, and a collar.

37. The play set of claim 18 wherein said garment simulates clothing selected from the group consisting of a dress, trousers, a jacket, a skirt, a vest, a shirt, a hat, a coat, a suit, shorts, a cloak, a cape, a uniform, shoes, a helmet, armor, and a scarf.--

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